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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: ECAC SEVENTH INTERMEDIATE SESSION

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1. SUMMARY--TOPICS OF MAJOR INTEREST TO US DISCUSSED AT ECAC'S SEVENTH INTERMEDIATE SESSION (SEPT. 11-13) WERE TRILATERAL CHARTER TALKS; NORTH ATLANTIC FARES AND CHARTER FLOOR PRICE; NORTH ATLANTIC ITC'S; ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUP ON SECURITY; AND PROPOSED STUDY OF CAB REGULATORY POLICIES. DRAFT REPORT ON SESSION AIRPOUCHED DEPT.

2. WE MET WITH DOZ OF ECAC SECRETARIAT TO REVIEW RESULTS OF ECAC SEVENTH INTERMEDIATE SESSION HELD PARIS SEPT. 11-13. HE GAVE US COPY OF DRAFT REPORT ON SESSION WHICH IS BEING AIRPOUCHED TO MEADOWS (EB/AV). TOPICS DISCUSSED AT SESSION THAT ARE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO US ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW.

3. DELEGATION FOR TRILATERAL TALKS TO BE HELD WITH US AND CANADA ON CHARTERS IN OCTOBER (PARIS 22238NOTAL) WAS DECIDED UPON AND "A SUB-STANTIAL PART" OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR ECAC DELEGATION WERE AGREED. DRAFT REPORT COMMENTS: "IT (THE CONFERENCE) ALSO STRESSED THE FACT THAT THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE OF THE DIALOGUE WITH THE UNITED STATES AND CANADIAN AUTHORITIES WAS THE CONCLUSION OF A FORMAL MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT, WHICH IT CONSIDERED TO BE THE ONLY MEANS OF ENSURING FOR NORTH ATLANTIC AIR TRANSPORT AS A WHOLE A STABLE LEGAL FRAMEWORK TO WHICH STATES AND AIRLINES MIGHT USEFULLY REFER." (COMMENT: REPORT GOES INTO NO DETAIL ON CONTENT OF ECAC POSITION FOR UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS AND WE WERE UNABLE ELICIT ANY CLUE FROM DOZ.)

4. DISCUSSION ON NORTH ATLANTIC FARES AND CHARTER MINIMUM PRICE LED TO ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION ON IATA FARES PACKAGE WHICH WAS SENT TO US AND CANADA AND WAS REFERRED TO IN DEPT'S RECENT PRESS RELEASE (STATE 210687 NOTAL). CAPSULE SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION IN DRAFT REPORT INDICATES DELS PLACED GREAT STRESS ON "URGENT NECESSITY" OF AGREEMENT ON CHARTER FLOOR PRICE. REPORT STATES: "THERE WAS NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE, AND IT COULD NOT BE ACCEPTED THAT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHOLE FARE STRUCTURE AND THE ECONOMIC HEALTH OF THE AVIATION INDUSTRY AS A WHOLE SHOULD BE JEOPARDIZED IF A NEGATIVE ATTITUDE WERE ADOPTED BY SOME AIRLINES OR SOME GOVERNMENTS." AS A RESULT, REPORT NOTES, DELS FROM FINLAND, FRG, SPAIN AND SWITZERLAND INDICATED THEIR RESPECTIVE ADMINISTRATIONS ACCEPTED ABOVE-MENTIONED RESOLUTION "WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THEIR LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE POWERS."

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5. RECOMMENDATION WAS ADOPTED INCORPORATING IN A
SINGLE TEXT CONDITIONS TO BE MET FOR NORTH ATLANTIC
ITC'S. FRENCH DEL ANNOUNCED THAT INSTEAD OF SIX
NIGHT MINIMUM STAY AT DESTINATION AS PROVIDED FOR
IN ECAC RECOMMENDATION FRENCH REGS WOULD CONTINUE
PROVIDE FOR MINIMUM STAY OF TEN NIGHTS IN ORDER TO
AVOID DIVERSION OF TRAFFIC AND ALSO PROVIDE
FOR A SPECIAL SUB-CATEGORY OF WEEKEND ITC'S. FRENCH
DEL APPARENTLY DID NOT TAKE EXCEPTION TO PROVISO
IN ECAC RECOMMENDATION THAT ITC'S BE OPERATED AS
ENTIRE CAPACITY OF AIRCRAFT.

6. ON THE PROPOSAL OF THE UK IT WAS AGREED TO
SET UP A WORKING GROUP ON SECURITY PROBLEMS UNDER

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ECAC'S FACILITATION COMMITTEE. TERMS OF REFERENCE
OF THE WORKING GROUP INCLUDE STUDY OF ARRANGEMENTS
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FOR PASSENGER AND BAGGAGE SEARCH, PHYSICAL SECURITY
OF AIRPORTS AND AIRCRAFT, COST AND FUNDING OF
SECURITY MEASURES. WORKING GROUP WILL FIRST FOCUS
ON DESIRABILITY OF ESTABLISHING CERTAIN NORMS WITHIN
ECAC AND THEN CONSIDER HOW THEY MIGHT BE IMPLEMENTED.
(COMMENT: THERE HAD BEEN PREVIOUS UNSUCCESSFUL
ATTEMPTS WITHIN ECAC TO PROMOTE COORDINATOR OF
SECURITY MEASURES AMONG EUROPEAN AIRLINES AND
AIRPORTS. PRESSURE HAS DOUBTLESS MOUNTED TO TAKE
A NEW LOOK AT THE PROBLEM. WE KNOW THAT GOF, FOR
EXAMPLE, HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY CONCERNED OVER
SECURITY THREAT POSED AT PARIS AIRPORTS BY TRANSIT
OF PASSENGERS INADEQUATELY SCREENED ON BOARDING AT
OTHER EUROPEAN AIRPORTS, AND OF COURSE THERE HAS
BEEN RECENT US CONGRESSIONAL CRITICISM OF CERTAIN
EUROPEAN AIRPORTS IN THIS REGARD AND THE PENDING
FAA NPRM ON SECURITY MEASURES APPLICABLE TO FOREIGN
CARRIERS SERVING US. WE INFORMED DOZ THAT WE WERE
CONFIDENT FAA COULD BE COUNTED ON TO COOPERATE
CLOSELY WITH ECAC WORKING GROUP SHOULD THIS BE
DESIRED; DOZ THOUGHT THIS COULD BE USEFUL AT SOME
STAGE BUT HE THOUGHT GO-SLOW APPROACH MIGHT BE
PREFERABLE AT OUTSET. HE SAID THAT WORKING GROUP
WOULD PROBABLY HOLD FIRST MEETING IN NOVEMBER AND
DRAW UP LIST OF SPECIFIC QUESTIONS TO BE EXAMINED
IN GREATER DETAIL NEXT SPRING. WE EXPRESSED SOME
DESPAIR OVER LACK OF RECOGNITION OF URGENCY OF
PROBLEM AS REFLECTED IN THIS TIMETABLE.)

7. APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE WAS GIVEN TO PROPOSAL
OF ECAC'S ECONOMIC COMMITTEE ON SCHEDULED

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AIR TRANSPORT TO CONSIDER HIRING AN OUTSIDE CONSULTANT
TO STUDY REGULATORY POLICIES OF THE CAB. IF STUDY
IS UNDERTAKEN, HOWEVER, IT WILL ONLY BE AFTER 1975.
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